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SYSTEM FOR CONSTRUCTING PRE-STRESSED TANKS

HYBRID WIRE WINDER AND  
RECEIVED SEISMIC CABLESINFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed, please find copies of 8 prior art references, which are also listed on the attached PTO-form 1449.

The relevance of References AR (Exhibit 1), AS (Exhibit 2), & AT (Exhibit 3) are discussed in Ref AU: the letter of Inventor Michael Crom of March 15, 2002.

Ref. AR (Exhibit 1) is a from a flyer Published in 1998, The photos are of a public use in 1997 and 1998 of a device which used the circuit shown in fig. 2 of this present application. The circuit relates to present claims 5-11 & 21.

Ref. AS (Exhibit 2) is relevant to Fig. 1 of this application, and to claims 1-4. The two photos, taken in 1996, show a Wire Winder which was in public use in 1996. They are two photos of the same device from two different angles. A brake for controlling wire force is shown in both views.

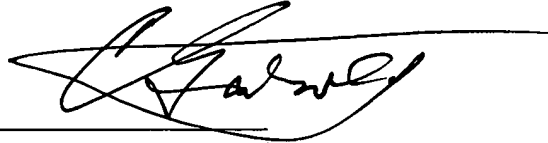
Ref. AT (Exhibit 3) relates to figs. 3-6 of this application, and to claims 12-20. Ref AT is two photos: a detail and a panorama, showing a public use in 1994, of epoxy coated seismic cables. End caps are shown in the detail view, and the epoxy coating is shown in both views. The cables used had sacrificial zinc coatings under the epoxy.

The inventor Michael Crom recently uncovered these documents in response to his attorney's request to review his files for: prior art references, offers for sale, sales, dates of first use, and publication, under the inventor's continuing duty to disclose. The recent death of the mother of inventors Sean and Michael Crom has enabled Michael Crom to review the archives of his late father, John M. Crom, also an inventor in this field, see ref. AB, of John M. Crom.

Inventor Michael Crom is continuing his review and will forward such relevant documents as he uncovers them.

It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered and placed into the application file.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: PTO-form 1449 w/copies of 8 references; postcard

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